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Dear Sirs,

I feel the proposed settlement with Microsoft is fair and fulfills the finding of the court. I'm upset by the political nature of the lawsuit and the uneven application of monopoly standards to many of the parties that testified against Microsoft in this suit. I recognize these comments mean little with the judgment and settlement at hand, but I would like to record strong criticism of the people in the anti-trust group that have given many unhappy computer companies that couldn't compete a free pass. Everyone seems to forget that IBM with its OS2 operating system was the goliath trying to slay David in the original go round, and I didn't see the government screaming to level the playing field against IBM when they owned all the computer markets.

Again, I hope that the DOJ begins a more reasoned and responsible approach to litigation in the future, and I hope that a judge with a modicum of commercial and technical capability hears the case. A judge that can discern the difference between a bunch of whiners and a person with a real complaint.

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